Decline In Export of handloom products

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been decline in the export of the products of handloom industries during the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, target fixed for the export for the current year;

(c) the quantity of the actual export;

(d) the foreign exchange earned through the said export; and

(e) the reasons for not achieving the export target?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) The target fixed for cotton hndloom fabrics and made ups for the current financial year is 650 million US $.

(c) During the year 1999-2000, the export of handloom fabrics was 40.07 million sq. mtrs. and of made-ups 92.69 million Kgs. During the first quarter of the current financial year (April-June 2000), the export of handloom fabrics was 7.51 million sq. metres and of made ups 20.81 million kgs.

(d) The foreign exchange earned through the said export during 1999-2000 was 436.84 million US $ and during April-June in the current financial year was 96.248 million US $.

(e) The main reasons for not achieving the export targets are low unit value realization and fall in demand for certain specific products in the International Market.

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